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SUBJECT: NEW GENERAL LAW ON POPULATION SUBMITTED TO MEXICAN
CONGRESS

REF: MEXICO A-471, SEPTEMBER 13, 1973

1. GOM PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, AS PROMISED IN HIS INFORME ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1973 (SEE REF), SENT THE DRAFT OF NEW GENERAL LAW ON POPULATION TO THE MEXICAN CONGRESS ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1973. HIS ACCOMPANYING MESSAGE REITERATED DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS, SAYING ADDITIONALLY "IT IS NECESSARY TO REDESIGN AND ACCELERATE OUR DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, INCORPORATING AN AUTHENTIC DEMOGRAPHIC POLICY THAT WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SIZE, STRUCTURE, DYNAMICS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE FAMILY PLANNING." THE PROPOSED LAW ALSO INCLUDES LENGTHY SECTIONS RELATED TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL MIGRATION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POPULATION REGISTRY AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND RELATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. COPY OF DRAFT BEING FORWARDED TO ARA/MEX.

2. ONLY THE FIRST OF SEVEN CHAPTERS (CONTAINING THE FIRST SIX OF A TOTAL OF 123 ARTICLES) OF THE PROPOSED LAW CONCERNS GOM FAMILY PLANNING POLICY. THE MINISTRY OF GOBERNACION (INTERIOR) IS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOM ACTIONS TO RESOLVE NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC PROBLEMS. A NATIONAL POPULATION COUNCIL COMPOSED
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OF REPRESENTATIVES OF RELEVANT GOM MINISTRIES AND CHAIRED

BY GOVERNACION IS PROPOSED TO ASSURE COORDINATED ACTIVITIES.
SPECIFICS FOLLOW.

3. ARTICLE ONE STATES THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED LAW
AS REGULATING POPULATION TO ASSURE A JUST DISTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL BENEFITS. ARTICLE TWO FIXES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
THE DIRECTION, PROMOTION, AND COORDINATION OF NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC
POLICY WITH GOVERNACION.

4. ARTICLE THREE SPELS OUT THIRTEEN SPECIFIC GOM
ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH GOVERNACION HAS DIRECTIONAL AND IMPLEMENTAL
RESPONSIBILITY (OR, WHERE APPROPRIATE, FOR ENSURING IMPLEMENTATION
BY OTHER PARTS OF THE GOM). AMONG THESE ARE: (A) RELATING
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO THE SIZE, STRUCTURE, DYNAMICS
AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION: (B) IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC
FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS THROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES, AND ASSURING THAT BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS
ARE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH "INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND PRESERVA-
TION OF FAMILY DIGNITY, IN ORDER TO RATIONALLY REGULATE AND STABILIZE
POPULATION GROWTH AS WELL AS TO ACHIEVE A BETTER USE OF
NATONAL HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES"; AND (C) INFLUENCING
POPULATION DYNAMICS THROUGH EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, PROFESSIONAL
AND TECHNICAL TRAINING, AND INFANT CARE, AND OBTAINING THE
PARTICIPATION OF THOSE CONCERNED IN RESOLVING THESE PROBLEMS.

5. ARTICLE FOUR REAFIRMS THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF ARTICLE
THREE MAY BE CARRIED OUT BY DIFFERENT BODIES OF THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING LAW,
BUT THAT THE MINISTRY OF GOVERNACION ALONE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR JOINT PROJECTS, PROGRAM COORDINATION, AND DEFINITION OF
STANDARDS.

6. THE FIFTH AND SIXTH ARTICLES WOULD CREATE A NATIONAL POPULATION
COUNCIL CHAIRED BY A RESPRESENTATIVE FROM GOVERNACION, WITH
FURTHER REPRESENTATION FROM THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION, HEALTH,
TREASURY, LABOR, THE PRESIDENCY AND AGRICULTURE. THE COUNCIL
WOULD BE IN CHARGE OF NATIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC PLANNING, AND WOULD
INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
AS APPROPRIATE. IT WOULD ALSO DRAW ON THE SERVICES OF TECHNICAL
CONSULTANTS AND DEVELOPMENTAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC SPECIALISTS.
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7. THE PROPOSED LAW WOULD ABROGATE THE GENERAL LAW ON POPULATION
OF DECEMBER 23, 1946, AS AMENDED, AND THE CONFLICTING SECTIONS
OF THE GENERAL LAW ON POPULATION OF APRIL 27, 1962. OTHER SECTIONS
OF THE PROPOSED LAW WILL BE REPORTED ON SEPARATELY.
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